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REFS: (A) REYKJAVIK 1641; (B) REYKJAVIK 1598

1. FOR EMBASSY BACKGROUND, WITH REGARD TO AGUSTSSON QUERY
REPORTED REFTEL A,

ICELANDIC PROPOSAL. FOR YOUR FURTHER INFORMATION, WORKING
GROUP WAS FORMED AT INTERAGENCY MEETING TODAY NOVEMBER 18,
TO EXPLORE CONCEPT OF POSSIBLE DUAL USE OF KEFLAVIK
CIVILIAN-MILITARY TERMINAL AND PREPARE RESPONSE TO
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ICELANDIC GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL THAT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS
STUDY POSSIBILITY OF SUCH A PROJECT.

2. WE WOULD PREFER EMBASSY REFRAIN FROM SPECULATION ON
POSSIBLE MEETING WITH SECRETARY, UNTIL THIS IS FIXED, OR
DISCUSSION OF STATE OF WASHINGTON INTERAGENCY PLAY.
IT MAY BE USEFUL, HOWEVER TO DISCOURAGE ANY ICELANDIC

EXPECTATION THAT ISSUE WILL BE BEYOND THE STUDY STAGE BY
EARLY DECEMBER. WE LEAVE THIS TO EMBASSY'S DISCRETION. VANCE

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